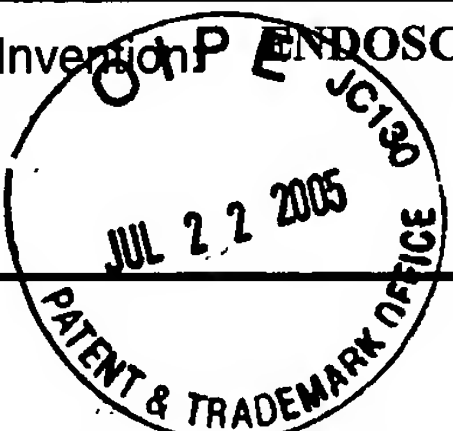
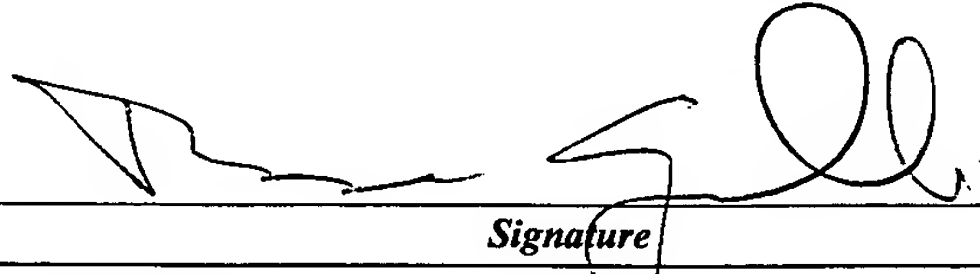
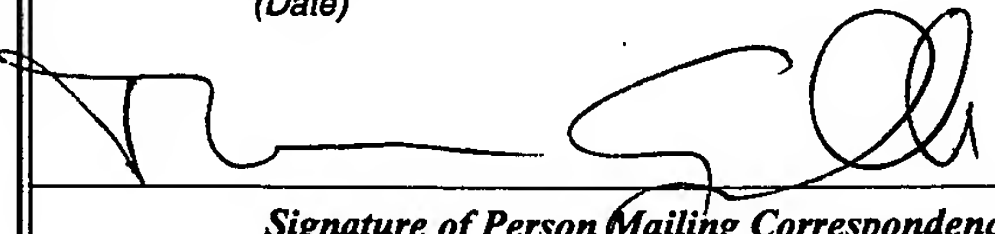


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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b>				<b>Docket No.</b> 16894	
Applicant(s): Ryuta Sekine, et al.					
Application No. 10/635,044	Filing Date August 5, 2003	Examiner Beverly Meindl Flanagan	Customer No. 23389	Group Art Unit 3739	Confirmation No. 6986
Invention: <b>ENDOSCOPIC TREATMENT SYSTEM</b>					
<div></div> <p align="center"><b>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</b></p> <p>Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.</p>					
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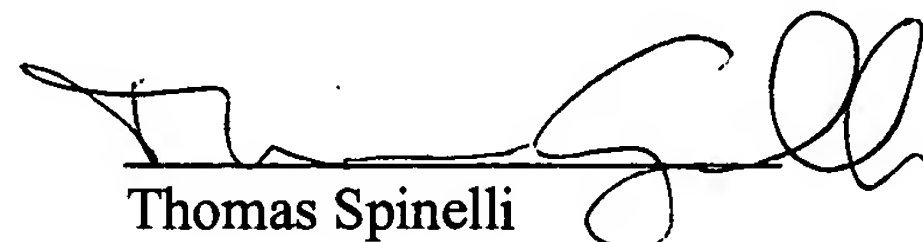
Pursuant to the restriction requirement imposed in the Official Action dated June 20, 2005, Applicants elect the claims of Group I, i.e., Claims 1, 2, and 4-38, for continued prosecution herein. Further, prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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